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NEWS RELEASE

Wilmar extends BMP incentive to growers

Wilmar has extended the offer of a cash payment to cane growers who get their environmental accreditation.

Wilmar's BMP Incentive Payment scheme provides growers with a one-off payment of 15 cents per tonne of cane, capped at 25,000 tonnes, once they achieve their BMP accreditation.

Cane Supply and Grower Relations General Manager Paul Giordani said the incentive meant growers could receive up to \$3750 for becoming BMP-accredited.

"We introduced the financial incentive in 2017 to demonstrate our commitment to environmental best practice and our support for the industry-run Smartcane BMP program," Mr Giordani said.

"Since then, we've provided the one-off payment to growers across our Herbert, Burdekin and Plane Creek milling regions. Some of them had already achieved their accreditation, while others finished the three core modules of BMP after we launched the incentive program.

"We made the decision to extend the scheme until July 2020 to encourage even more growers to sign up and become accredited."

To be eligible for the incentive payment, growers must register for the Smartcane BMP program by Friday (29 March 2019) and achieve accreditation for the three core modules by July 1 next year.

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